

## Bears & Bear Stories- 3 & 4 Year Olds

	Choice Time	Circle Time	Small Group	Story	Other
Tuesday March 4		<p><b>Calendar/Leader</b>  <b>Props</b> Bean Bags  <b>Songs:</b> Bean bag songs  <b>Game:</b> <i>Bean Bag Game</i>  <i>Listening and following directions, group participation, movement.</i>  <b>Discuss:</b> Big, medium and small sizes</p>	<p><b>Bear sizes</b>  <i>Glue bears on paper in order of size. Fine motor skills, following directions, practice with big, little and medium.</i></p>		
Thursday March 6		<p><b>Calendar/Leader</b>  <b>Props</b> Parachute  <b>Songs</b>  <b>Game</b> Parachute play  <i>Large muscle development, cooperation, working and playing as part of a team, listening and following directions.</i>    <b>Discuss:</b></p>	<p><b>Art Fair Activity</b></p>	<p><b><u>Polar Bear Polar Bear</u></b>  <b><u>What Do You Hear</u></b>  <i>By Bill Martin</i>  <i>Big book version of this story encourages the children to help tell the story. Repetition makes this an easy story to participate in while the interesting words such as snarling, braying and yelping build children's vocabularies</i></p>	<p><b>MTU Preschool</b>  <b>Carnival Saturday</b>  <b>March 8</b></p>

## Bears & Bear Stories- 4 & 5 Year Olds

	Choice Time	Circle Time	Small Group Activity	Story	Other
Monday March 3	Silly putty available	<p><b>Calendar/Leader</b></p> <p><b>Props</b> Cardboard shapes Greg &amp; Steve CD Volume 3</p> <p><b>Songs:</b> Shapes Song</p> <p><b>Game:</b> Shapes movement activity <i>Shape recognition, following directions, listening skills, group activity, movement</i></p> <p><b>Discuss:</b></p>	<p><b>Make Corduroy the Bear.</b> <i>Put together precut pieces to make a Corduroy Bear, Gluing, coloring, following directions, find motor skills, extension of our story.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Corduroy</u></b> <i>By Don Freeman</i> <i>This classic story of a teddy bear that comes to life includes adventure, friendship and love and concludes with the important message "I like you just the way you are."</i></p>	
Wednesday March 5		<p><b>Calendar/Leader</b></p> <p><b>Props</b> Greg &amp; Steve CD "On The Move"</p> <p><b>Songs</b></p> <p><b>Game</b> An Adventure in Space</p> <p><b>Discuss:</b> <i>Counting backwards from 10</i></p>	<p><b>Decorate a rocket ship.</b> <i>Choose what art media to use to decorate your rocket Paint with dot- -a dot painters, watercolors, or color with crayons. creativity with a different way to paint. Extension of the story.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Mooncake</u></b> <i>By Frank Asch</i> <i>Big Book version of this story about the friendship between a bird and a bear. Bear builds a rocket ship to get to the moon to taste it.</i></p>	
Friday March 7		<p><b>Calendar/Leader</b></p> <p><b>Props:</b> Greg &amp; Steve CD "Playing Favorites", Magnetic Pieces to go with song</p> <p><b>Songs</b> Down by the Bay</p> <p><b>Game:</b></p> <p><b>Discuss:</b></p>	<p>Finish the rocket ship started on Wednesday</p>	<p><b><u>Moongame</u></b> <i>By Frank Asch</i> <i>Big Book version of this story. Bear and Bird play hide and seek with the moon.</i></p>	<p>MTU Preschool Carnival Saturday March 8</p>